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**FIRST RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

This response to the Final Office Action of May 20, 2003 is being filed within two months thereof so that if the Advisory Action is not mailed within three months thereof, then the extension fee will be calculated from the mailing date of the Advisory Action.

The Final Office Action rejected all of the elected claims 23, 25, 26 and 28-36 only under §103 in view of a combination of applied references.

In response to this Office Action, please amend the claims as follows: